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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region Samuel Unger, Executive Officer

**Executive Officer's Report** 

The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.

# Executive Office

Our mission is to preserve

and enhance the quality of

California's water resources

for the benefit of present and

future generations.

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Stormwater Quality Compliance: Investing in Los Angeles
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On August 1st, the Council for Watershed Health held an event at the Autry Museum to discuss the LA MS4 permit, compliance costs, and economic benefits from stormwater projects. The conference was opened with remarks from LA City Councilman Tom La Bonge and Dr. Nancy Steele – Executive Director of the Council for Watershed Health. Maria Mehranian participated on the first panel along with Frank Wu, Patrick Burns, and Dr. Nancy Steele. Key concepts were that people are forming coalitions and working together, water supply and water quality agencies are talking, and that investments in stormwater projects provide direct, indirect, and induced economic benefits. The second panel included Adi Liberman, Pedro Salcido, ken Farfsing, Mike Lewis, and Mary Ann Lutz. Discussions from this panel included estimated costs to comply and possible remedies including fee initiatives, bond measures, and federal legislation. Deb Smith also attended this event.

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#### <u>A Forum Regarding the Los Angeles County Municipal Stormwater Permit – featuring speakers</u> from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened a briefing regarding the Los Angeles County MS4 permit. The focus of the briefing included sessions on permit implementation - including watershed group formation, coordination with water supply agencies, and upcoming implementation milestones and challenges. Deb Smith and Renee Purdy provided perspectives on watershed group formation and next steps for implementation. Other speakers included John Kemmerer and David Smith from US EPA, Angela George from LA County DPW, and Shane Chapman from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

The second session focused on funding. Wendy La, Staff Engineer for the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster discussed the Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo IRWMP Sub-region. US EPA provided information on federal funding and suggested that municipalities consider asset management planning tools. Deb Smith provided an overview of all of the federal and state grants and loans that we are aware of that could be used for stormwater and integrated projects. Board staff distributed a spreadsheet and supplemental materials for each of these funding sources to attendees and will be making it available on our website.

#### Watershed Management

Watershed Regulatory Section/Municipal Permitting Unit

#### **Alamitos Barrier Expansion**

Brand Outwin-Beals

The Water Replenishment District (with the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County) has proposed a project to expand the Leo J. VanderLans Water Treatment Facility from 3 to 8 million gallons per day. The expanded facility will include some treatment process enhancements, including fine screening, microfiltration, reverse osmosis, ultraviolet irradiation, advanced oxidation, decarbonation and pH stabilization. Currently, imported potable water and the recycled water produced at the Leo J. VanderLans Water Treatment Facility are injected into the Alamitos Barrier Project to prevent sea water intrusion into the Central Groundwater Basin. The Water Replenishment District is proposing to replace the imported water with recycled water. If approved, this will be the first groundwater injection project in our region to use 100% recycled water.

The California Department of Public Health held a public hearing to consider this project on June 26, 2013, and issued their findings to us on July 12, 2013. The Department found that injecting 100% recycled water produced at the expanded facility will not degrade the quality of water in the receiving aquifiers, as a source of domestic water supply, provided that a number of conditions regarding the level of treatment and volume of water injected are met. These conditions will be included in the Regional Water Board's permit.

The revised permit for the Alamitos Barrier Project is scheduled to be heard at the first meeting in 2014.

#### Contaminated Sediments

# <u>Bight'13 Comprehensive Ocean Regional Monitoring Program</u>

Michael Lyons

A bight is defined as a bend in the coastline. The Southern California Bight (SCB) is the 700 kilometers (400 miles) of recessed coastline from Point Conception (Santa Barbara County) to Cabo Colnett (just south of Ensenada, Mexico). Subtropical waters flow north close to the shore, while subarctic waters flow south offshore. This unique ocean circulation pattern creates a rich biological zone that supports approximately 500 marine fish species and more than 5,000 invertebrate species.

Prior to the first Bight Comprehensive Ocean Monitoring Program conducted in 1994, most monitoring conducted in Southern California focused on tracking individual sources of waste discharges. Although high-quality data generally were collected, these programs were not designed to describe large-scale changes throughout the region or to assess cumulative impacts from multiple sources. To improve our ability to conduct regional assessments of the health of the ocean, four comprehensive ocean monitoring programs have been conducted over the past 20 years (1994, 1998, 2003 and 2008).

The fifth regional ocean monitoring program, known as Bight'13, was initiated in July 2013. The program includes five monitoring components: contaminant impact assessment, nutrients, microbiology, debris and marine protected areas. Bight'13 will represent the first time that monitoring has been conducted to investigate debris ingested by fish, to assess the health of deep canyon habitats, to evaluate the levels of Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) in birds, and to compare the health of marine habitats within areas designated as Marine Protected Areas to those in other unprotected areas. In addition, the typical monitoring to assess the health of demersal fish and macroinvertebrate populations, benthic infaunal communities and sediment contamination (sediment chemistry and sediment toxicity) will be conducted, providing useful information to assess long-term trends in the bight's coastal ocean and estuarine waters.

For additional information, please contact Ken Schiff, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, at 714-755-3202 or kens@sccwrp.org. Planning documents for Bight'13, as well as planning documents and reports for previous surveys, are available at <a href="http://www.sccwrp.org">http://www.sccwrp.org</a> under the Research Areas/Regional Monitoring tabs.

#### Watershed Coordinator

#### Integrated Regional Water Management Meetings

The Watershed Coordinator participated in meetings of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) committees including those for the Greater Los Angeles County Region's North Santa Monica Bay Subregion (June 18), Lower Los Angeles/San Gabriel Rivers Subregion (June 18 and July 16), Upper San Gabriel/Rio Hondo Subregion (July 18), and Upper Los Angeles River Subregion (June 25 and July 23) and for the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Region's Ventura River Watershed Council (July 11) and Santa Clara River Watershed Committee (July 25). All four IRWM Regions are finalizing their IRWM Plans, either as updates or as a first edition document in the case of the Gateway Region. All four Regions submitted applications (currently under management review) to the Department of Water Resources for the next round of Proposition 84 funds for implementation projects.

#### Other Meetings Attended

The Wetlands Recovery Project Managers Group met on July 10 to begin discussions on recommended projects for addition to the Workplan to be considered at a future Board of Governors meeting.

The Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force met on July 16 and heard a presentation on proposed improvements to the Oxford Flood Control Basin located adjacent to Marina del Rey Harbor.

The State sponsored an Infrastructure Funding Fair on July 24 at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works facility in Alhambra. Multiple agencies provided summaries of their grant programs and were available to provide feedback on specific projects.

The Santa Monica Mountains Watershed Council met on July 25 and received an update from the California Department of State Parks on the progress of the Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (which will evaluate methods to remove Rindge Dam). The study is scheduled to be completed later in the fall.

The Technical Advisory Committee for development of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan met on July 30. This project is nearing completion.

More information about the Regional Board's watersheds can be found at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water</a> issues/programs/regional program/index.shtml#Watershed

# Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Program

# Sunshine Canyon Landfill Submitted Phase CC-3B Design Report

Wen Yang

The Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Sylmar, Los Angeles County, is regulated under waste discharge requirements (WDRs) included in Order No. R4-2008-0088 (WDRs) adopted by the Regional Board on October 2, 2008. The WDRs require that all development of the landfill be constructed with a double composite liner system and that all liner and leachate collection system designs for the landfill be submitted to the Regional Board for the approval of the Executive Officer.

On July 9, 2013, the landfill operator, Republic Services, Inc., submitted a report to the Regional Board for the construction of Cell CC-3B liner system, which provides the design and construction information of an approximate 20-acre area near the entrance of the landfill. The report includes general design review, liner and leachate collection systems, geological conditions, slope stability, and surface water management for the planned landfill development. Staff has reviewed the report and, in according to the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), issued a public notice to interested parties on July 22, 2013, indicating that Regional Board staff intends to grant approval of the proposed landfill construction. The deadline for submitting comments on the matter is August 19, 2013. Staff will work with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and the Los Angeles County and City Local Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in response to any comments that may arise regarding the report and to ensure the compliance of the WDRs and relevant State and Federal regulations for the management of solid wastes.

# Malibu Septic Prohibition MOU Implementation Updates

Don Tsai

On July 17, Regional Board staff met with City of Malibu (City) staff and their consultants for Septic Prohibition MOU implementation update. The City has conducted the pilot testing of the Aquifer injection project that injects drinking water into aquifers under WDRs Order No. 2012-0010-DWQ enrolled by this Regional Board on June 20, 2013. This pilot testing project is used to evaluate the injected water transportation in the aquifers and the influences of injected water to the receiving water quality. The results will be used to

select the final injection well from three testing injection wells and to finalize the Environmental Impact Report of the Malibu Centralized Wastewater Treatment Plant, to be released early 2014.

#### Paradise Cove Beach Cafe Updates

Don Tsai

The wastewater discharge at Paradise Cove Beach Café (facility), located at 28128 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California, is regulated under Order No. 97-10-DWQ enrolled on December 29, 2003. On April 24, 2012, the Kissel Company, owner of the facility, submitted a workplan titled "Upgrade to Existing Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System" that proposed upgrades to the existing system. On December 14, 2012, the Regional Board staff approved this workplan, which also required an approval by the City of Malibu Coastal Development Commission. The Coastal Development Commission approved the project on May 28, 2013 for implementation. Regional Board staff is currently revising the WDRs for the new upgrade system required to be completed by December 31, 2013.

#### <u>Summary of General Waste Discharge Requirements Enrolled and Terminated</u> Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From June 11, 2013 to August 5, 2013, eight dischargers enrolled under the general Waste Discharger Requirements (WDRs), three WDRs were revised and nine WDRs were terminated. The Table below contains a breakdown for each category of general WDRs.

		Project Manager	Date of Cover-	Date of Revi-	Termi-
			age	sion	nation
A.	General WDR Discharge for Groundwater reme-				
	diation at petroleum Hydrocarbon fuel and/or				
	volatile organic compound impacted sites				
- 1	(Order No. R4-2007-0019)	A C1			06/40/40
1.	Amin's Oil – CI 9769	Ann Chang			06/12/13
2.	Former Pneumo Abex Facility, CI 8984	Ann Chang	06/17/13		
3.	Former Honeywell Gardena Facility, CI 9946	Ann Chang	06/21/13		
4.	Former DOC Milgrom's Cleaning Clinic, CI 9242	Ann Chang			06/26/13
5.	Frmr Clariant Oil Services Facility, CI 9664	Ann Chang			06/26/13
6.	Former TRW PSI Facility, CI 9436	Ann Chang			06/26/13
7.	South. Region High School #9, CI 9750	Mercedes Merino		06/26/13	
8.	PCCR USA, Inc., CI 9871	David Koo	07/08/13		
9.	Central Region Elementary School #13, CI 9579	David Koo		07/19/13	
10.	Maxum Petroleum Facility, CI 9926	Ann Chang	07/26/13		
11.	Santa Monica Corporation Yard, CI 9466	Ann Chang			07/29/13
12.	Jim's Smog Center, CI 9676	Ann Chang			07/29/13
B.	General WDR Discharge requirement for ground-				
	water remediation at petroleum hydrocarbon fuel				
	and/or volatile organic compound impacted sites				
	(Order No. R4-2005-0030)				
1.	Former Warehouse #12, Port of LA – CI 9768	Ann Chang			06/12/13
2.	G&M Oil Company Station #15, CI 9145	Ann Chang			06/12/13
C.	General NPDES permit for WDR requirements				
	for small commercial multi-family residential				
	subsurface sewage disposal systems (Order No. R4-01-031)				
1.	Camp Hess Kramer, CI 9304	Mercedes Merino			06/20/13
2.	Stryker Paintball & Airsoft Park, CI 9941	Mercedes Merino	06/24/13		00/20/13
3.	Ojai Valley School, CI 8728	Mercedes Merino	00/24/13	07/15/13	
3. 4.	, ,	Don Tsai	07/23/13	0//15/15	
4. <b>D.</b>	So. CA. Edison Vincent Substation, CI 9948  General WDR for discharges to land by small	Don 1 sai	0//23/13		
D.	domestic wastewater treatment systems				
	(Order No. 97-10DWQ)				
1.	Dan Block Bch Improvement Project, CI 9864	Don Tsai	06/20/13		
2.	Leo Carrillo State Park, CI 9783	Mercedes Merino	07/15/13		
۷.	Leo Camillo State Park, C1 9/83	Mercedes Menno	07/13/13		

#### **Summary of Inspection Reports**

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From June 11, 2013 to August 5, 2013, staff conducted one pre-permitting and annual inspections.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	05/16/13	GC Outdoor Sports, Inc – CI 9941	Mercedes Merino

#### **Summary of Notice of Violations**

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From June 11, 2013 to August 5, 2013, staff issued ten Notices of Violation for WDRs violations

	Date Is- sued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	07/05/13	Our Lady of Malibu Catholic Church / CI 9695	David Koo
2.	07/05/13	CA. Department of Parks and Recreation (Topanga State Park) / CI 6583	David Koo
3.	07/05/13	Canyon Country Mobile Home Estates / CI 8887	David Koo
4.	07/12/13	Tract 22284, CI 7256	Don Tsai
5.	07/12/13	Tract 49240, CI 7044	Don Tsai
6.	07/12/13	Deepwater Building, CI 8628	Don Tsai
7.	07/12/13	Crown Valley Building Supply, CI 7087	Don Tsai
8.	07/15/13	Monica Ros School, CI 9662	Mercedes Merino
9.	07/15/13	Sisu Properties, LLC (Buildings A, B & C), CI 8896	Mercedes Merino
10.	07/19/13	Lake Elizabeth Properties, LLC, CI 8861	David Koo

#### Summary of California Water Code (CWC) Section 13263 Order

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From June 11, 2013 to August 5, 2013, Executive Officers issued one CWC Section 13263 Order requiring dischargers for submittal of WDRs renewal application.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	07/30/13	Top O'Topanga Mobile Home Estates , CI 3185	Don Tsai

# Compliance and Enforcement Program

#### Stipulated Orders:

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0040 was issued to the El Segundo Energy Center, LLC on June 6, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent limit violations of the NPDES Permit for the El Segundo Generating Station Redevelopment Project. On April 10, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

**Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0057** was issued to InterActiveCorp on June 14, 2013 in the amount of \$24,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for Office Building, 8800 West Sunset Boulevard. On July 5, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0034 was issued to Magic Mountain, LLC on June 10, 2013, in the amount of \$24,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for Six Flags Magic Mountain. On April 30, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0051 was issued to Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminals on July 1, 2013, in the amount of \$30,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for Carson Terminal. On July 15, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0059 was issued to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works on July 1, 2013, in the amount of \$27,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. On July 31, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0054 was issued to Wilshire Le Doux Medical Plaza LP on July 12, 2013, in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for Wilshire Le Doux Medical Plaza LP. On July 18, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

**Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0074** was issued to Douglas Emmett, Inc. on July 17, 2013 in the amount of \$39,000 for alleged effluent limit violations and late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for the Wilshire Landmark II Office Building. The Permittee has until August 22, 2013 to submit the full payment.

**Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0073** was issued to the California Department of Water Resources on July 26, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent limit violations of the NPDES Permit for the William E. Warne Power Plant. The Permittee has until August 10, 2013 to submit the full payment.

#### Administrative Civil Liability

Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R4-2012 -0160 was issued to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (District) on June 28, 2013. The District agreed to pay \$225,000 in administrative civil liabilities of which \$97,500 will fund a Supplemental Environmental Project entitled *City of Santa Clarita Low Impact Development Parking Lot Retrofit* with the remaining \$127,500 to be paid to the Cleanup and Abatement Account. On July 18, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

#### NPDES Facility Inspections

The Enforcement Unit NPDES inspector conducted inspections at 2 facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

#### 13267 Investigative Orders:

**13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2013-0112** was issued to the City of Beverly Hills on July 23, 2013 for information related to the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into a storm drain on July 16, 2013. The Permittee has until August 22, 2013 to respond.

#### Expedited Payment Program

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0076** was issued to 407 N. Maple, L.P. on June 18, 2013 in the amount of \$57,000 for alleged effluent and late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for an office building located at 407 North Maple Drive. The Permittee responded on July 26, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0060** was issued to StoneKastle Community Management on June 25, 2013 in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Villa Marina East V Condominium Complex. The Permittee responded on July 30, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0100** was issued to Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, c/o Lexington MKP Management L.P. on June 25, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for an alleged effluent violation and in the amount of \$42,000 for alleged late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for 10351 Santa Monica Boulevard Office Building. The Permittee responded on July 2, 2013.

Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement

#### 3 Notice of Non Compliance were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
Non Filer	6/13/2013	Panda International Trading	Failure to Enroll in Permit	Industrial
Non Filer	6/18/2013	NC Dynamics Inc.	Failure to Enroll in Permit	Industrial
Non Filer	7/12/2013	Rolly's Plastic Recycling	Failure to Enroll in Permit	Industrial

#### 4 Notices of Violation were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I023951	6/12/201	Horizon Coach Lines	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs and to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I003920	7/3/2013	Dura Freight	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I015206	7/3/2013	Republic Services Chiquita Can	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 56I017071	7/3/2013	Pacific Rock Inc.	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I022644	7/9/2013	Command Packaging	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I023328	7/9/2013	Pace Brothers Inc.	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs and to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial

#### 2 Second Notices of Violation were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I001794	6/28/2013	Sunrise Wood Products	Failure to Implement an Adequate SWPPP and BMPs, Failure to Submit the 2009/10, 2010/11, and 2011/12 Annual Reports and Collect Samples for the 2006/07, 2007/08, and 2008/09 Reporting Periods	Industrial
4 19I019422	6/28/2013	Oseguera Trucking Co. Inc.	Failure to Pay 2010/11 and 2011/12 Annual Fees, Failure to Implement Adequate SWPPP and BMPs	Industrial

#### One Notice of Violation was rescinded

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I012448	7/3/2013	Gilead Sciences Inc.	Failure to Respond to a NNC issued on 5/24/2013	Industrial

#### 4 Requests for Information were sent

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Requested Document(s)	Permit Type
4 19I005353	7/23/2013	Allied Waste Transfer Services of California, L.L.C.	SWPPP, M&RP <sup>3</sup> and/or GMP <sup>4</sup>	Industrial
4 19I015632	7/23/2013	Consolidated Services Inc.	SWPPP, M&RP <sup>3</sup> and/or GMP <sup>4</sup>	Industrial
4 19I022478	7/23/2013	Allied Waste Transfer Services of California, L.L.C.	SWPPP, M&RP <sup>3</sup> and/or GMP <sup>4</sup>	Industrial
4 19I022479	7/23/2013	Allied Waste Transfer Services of California, L.L.C.	SWPPP, M&RP <sup>3</sup> and/or GMP <sup>4</sup>	Industrial

#### Summary of General Permitting Unit Acitivities for April to June 2013

During the months of April to June 2012, seven dischargers were enrolled under the general NPDES permits, and two enrollments were terminated. The Table below shows the breakdown of the enrollments, revisions, and terminations for each category of general NPDES permit during the period.

		Date of Coverage	Date of Revi- sion	Date of Termination
A.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2008-0032) Construction & Project Dewatering			
1	Camaros Water District, Penny Well, Charism Ct, Camarillo	5/15/13		
2	Arundell Barranca Channel Repair Project, Main Street and Arundell Avenue, Ventura	5/13/13		
3	CLG Larchmont LLC, 5663 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles	5/14/13		
4	Oxnard Union High School District, Hueneme High School, 500 W. Bard Rd., Oxnard	6/13/13		
В.	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order No. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply Wells Discharges			
1	Camrosa Water District, Woodcreek Well, 5300 Lynwood Dr., Camarillo	4/23/13		
C.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. R4-2009-0068) Hydrostatic Test Water			
1	El Segundo Power, LLC, El Segundo Operations Inc. Power Plant,, 301 Vista Del Mar, El Segundo			4/5/13
2	California Water Service Company, Palos Verdes Drive East & Crown View Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes			5/22/13
3	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Thousand Oaks Reservoir Replacement Project, 568 Lone Oak Drive, Thousand Oaks	6/10/13		
4	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Salinity Management Pipeline, Phase 2A, Old Lewis/S. Lewis Rd–Camarillo Rd to Cawelti RD, Camarillo	6/10/13		

## Underground Storage Tanks

# Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of June 4, 2013 through July 24, 2013, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- 1. Shell Service Station, Monterey Park (I-09332A)
- 2. Former Don Thio Property, Reseda (913350725)
- 3. Former ExxonMobil #13408, Altadena (R-40253)
- 4. L.A. Auto Care, Canoga Park (913060389)
- 5. 76 Station No. 0971, Beverly Hills (I-10978)
- 6. Electro-Mechanical Manufacturing Co., Whittier (R-41008)
- 7. Former ARCO #1749, Lakewood (I-05364A)
- 8. Schenck Property (Gerster/Rolph Brake), West Hollywood (R-02851)
- 9. Mobil Station No 18- GN8, Playa Del Rey (902930025)
- 10. ARCO #9645/Former Thrifty Oil #251, Inglewood (R-25030)
- 11. Former Mobil #18-484, Los Angeles (900250234)
- 12. Compton Community College District, Compton (R-21613)
- 13. M And M Industrial LLC, South Gate (I-15218A)
- 14. Circle K Stores #5710, City of Industry (I-11060A)
- 15. San Marino Exxon, San Marino (R-25654)
- 16. Motor Cargo Freight Facility, Pico Rivera (I-01209A)
- 17. Former ARCO Station, Culver City (R-07112A)
- 18. K&D Automotive, Canyon Country (R-28875)
- 19. World Oil #36, Whittier (R-10253A)
- 20. Former Mobil Station No. 18-D3X, Gardena (I-06596)
- 21. Former Unocal #3349, Inglewood (R-09979)
- 22. Shell Service Station, Los Angeles (900150125)
- 23. Concrete Tie, Compton (R-14617)
- 24. Los Angeles County Metropolitian Transit Authority Division 10, Los Angeles (900330216)
- 25. Alreight Parking Lot, Los Angeles (900050070)
- 26. P & M #911, Lawndale (I-13868)
- 27. The Forum Property, Inglewood (R-09447A)
- 28. Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control, South Gate (R-11437)
- 29. Chang's Shell, South Gate (I-29021A)
- 30. Shell Station No. 204-4539-5906, Los Angeles (900050016)
- 31. Downtown Car Wash, Los Angeles (900150134)
- 32. United Oil No. 45, Los Angeles (900260270)
- 33. 76 Station #0979, Los Angeles (900290034A)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **12,397** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **156,989** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, **1,500,854** gallons of groundwater were treated and **629** gallons of gasoline free product (LNAPL) were removed.

#### Staff invited to speak at the Association of California Water Agencies

Yue Rong

Dr. Yue Rong was the invited speaker at the Groundwater Committee Meeting of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), held in Oxnard, on August 13, 2013. His topic was "California UST Low Threat Closure Policy Regional Implementation, regarding Los Angeles Regional Board UST program staff's current efforts for implementing the Policy.

#### **Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program**

Valerie Carrillo Zara and Dana Cole

Since June 1, 2013, the Regional Board has received 16 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions. The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

Date of Issuance	Staff	Applicant	Project	Action
06/12/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	City of Walnut	Meadowpass Road Extension Project	Amendment of Conditional WQC
06/14/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Fitch Avenue Bridge Over Mint Canyon Wash	Conditional WQC
06/14/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	Bull Creek Channel Realignment	Conditional WQC
06/14/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	City of Ventura	Marina Park Boating Docks Renovation	Conditional WQC
06/14/2013	Dana Cole	Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Little Tujunga Canyon Road Over Pacoima Creek	Conditional WQC
07/02/2013	LB Nye	Ventura County Water- shed Protection District	Santa Clara River Estuary Flood Alleviation	Conditional WQC
07/05/2013	Dana Cole	BSVERCOM, LLC	BSVERCOM, LLC Three lot housing	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Dana Cole	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Palmer Diversion Improvement	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Dana Cole	Jensen Property	Jensen Property Road Crossing	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Dana Cole	Port of Los Angeles	Routine Wharf and Pile Mainte- nance Program	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Forestar Real Estate Group, Inc.	Browns Canyon Road Bridge Replacement	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	City of South Gate	I-710 Firestone Interchange Phase IV	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	City of Norwalk	Firestone Bridge over San Gabriel River	Conditional WQC
07/29/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	City of Walnut	Meadowpass Road Extension Project	Amendment of Conditional WQC
08/05/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Sterling Gateway	Sterling Gateway Industrial-PM 060030	Conditional WQC
08/08/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Naval Base Ventura County	Point Mugu Drainage	Conditional WQC

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html</a>. For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 WQC action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the certification process.

### Personnel Report

As of September 12, 2013 our staff total is 140: 125 technical staff, 10 permanent analytical staff and 5 permanent clerical staff.

The following appointment was made:

Jun Zhu, Environmental Scientist, Standards & TMDL Unit, effective July 8, 2013.

The following separated from Region 4:

**Don Indermill**, Engineering Geologist, transferred to the Department of Toxics Substances Control effective July 5, 2013.